

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing method in an  
information processing apparatus which can communicate  
with a print management apparatus via the Internet,  
5 comprising:

a using condition transmitting step of  
transmitting using conditions which are inputted to  
said print management apparatus via the Internet;

a shop information obtaining step of obtaining  
10 shop information of a first candidate from said print  
management apparatus in accordance with said using  
conditions;

a screen information forming step of forming input  
screen information for promoting selection of a shop  
15 which is allowed to print and output a print order from  
the shop information of said first candidate; and

a print order transmitting step of transmitting  
the print order including designation of the selected  
shop to said print management apparatus via the  
20 Internet.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein in said  
screen information forming step, shop information of a  
second candidate corresponding to the shop which can  
25 perform a printing process is specified from the shop  
information of said first candidate on the basis of a  
print setting of the print order which is inputted, and

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said input screen information is formed in consideration of the shop information of said second candidate.

5           3. A method according to claim 2, wherein in said screen information forming step, the input screen information is formed so as to display the shop of the shop information of the second candidate so that it can be selected and display the shop of the shop information of the first candidate left out of said  
10           second candidate so that it cannot be selected, respectively.

            4. A method according to claim 1, further  
15           comprising a print order forming step of forming a print order for making a print ordering to said print management apparatus on the basis of print target data formed by an application.

20           5. A method according to claim 4, further comprising a printer information obtaining step of obtaining a printer information description file from said print management apparatus via the Internet,  
            and wherein in said print order forming step, the  
25           print order is formed on the basis of a print setting described in the obtained printer information description file.

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6. A memory medium which stores a print control program which can be executed by an information processing apparatus which can communicate with a print management apparatus via the Internet, wherein said  
5 print control program comprises:

a using condition transmitting step of transmitting using conditions which are inputted to said print management apparatus via the Internet;

10 a shop information obtaining step of obtaining shop information of a first candidate from said print management apparatus in accordance with said using conditions;

15 a screen information forming step of forming input screen information for promoting selection of a shop which is allowed to print and output a print order from the shop information of said first candidate; and

20 a print order transmitting step of transmitting the print order including designation of the selected shop to said print management apparatus via the Internet.

7. A medium according to claim 6, wherein in said screen information forming step, shop information of a second candidate corresponding to the shop which can  
25 perform a printing process is specified from the shop information of said first candidate on the basis of a print setting of the print order which is inputted, and

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said input screen information is formed in consideration of the shop information of said second candidate.

5           8. A medium according to claim 7, wherein in said screen information forming step, the input screen information is formed so as to display the shop of the shop information of the second candidate so that it can be selected and display the shop of the shop information of the first candidate left out of said second candidate so that it cannot be selected, respectively.

10           9. A medium according to claim 6, wherein said print control program further comprises a print order forming step of forming a print order for making a print ordering to said print management apparatus on the basis of print target data formed by an application.

15           10. A medium according to claim 9, wherein said print control program further comprises a printer information obtaining step of obtaining a printer information description file from said print management apparatus via the Internet,

20           and in said print order forming step, the print order is formed on the basis of a print setting

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described in the obtained printer information  
description file.

11. A print control program which can be executed  
5 by an information processing apparatus which can  
communicate with a print management apparatus via the  
Internet, comprising:

10 a using condition transmitting step of  
transmitting using conditions which are inputted to  
said print management apparatus via the Internet;  
a shop information obtaining step of obtaining  
shop information of a first candidate from said print  
management apparatus in accordance with said using  
conditions;  
15 a screen information forming step of forming input  
screen information for promoting selection of a shop  
which is allowed to print and output a print order from  
the shop information of said first candidate; and  
a print order transmitting step of transmitting  
20 the print order including designation of the selected  
shop to said print management apparatus via the  
Internet.

25 12. A program according to claim 11, wherein said  
program allows said information processing apparatus to  
execute said screen information forming step in a  
manner such that shop information of a second candidate

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corresponding to the shop which can perform a printing process is specified from the shop information of said first candidate on the basis of a print setting of the print order which is inputted, and said input screen information is formed in consideration of the shop information of said second candidate.

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13. A program according to claim 12, wherein said program allows said information processing apparatus to execute said screen information forming step in a manner such that the input screen information is formed so as to display the shop of the shop information of the second candidate so that it can be selected and display the shop of the shop information of the first candidate left out of said second candidate so that it cannot be selected, respectively.

20 14. A program according to claim 11, wherein said program allows said information processing apparatus to further execute a print order forming step of forming a print order for making a print ordering to said print management apparatus on the basis of print target data formed by an application.

25 15. A program according to claim 14, further comprising a printer information obtaining step of obtaining a printer information description file from

said print management apparatus via the Internet,

and wherein said program allows said information processing apparatus to execute said print order forming step so as to form the print order on the basis of a print setting described in the obtained printer information description file.

16. An information processing apparatus which can communicate with a print management apparatus via the Internet, comprising:

using condition transmitting means for transmitting using conditions which are inputted to said print management apparatus via the Internet;  
shop information obtaining means for obtaining shop information of a first candidate from said print management apparatus in accordance with said using conditions;

screen information forming means for forming input screen information for promoting selection of a shop which is allowed to print and output a print order from the shop information of said first candidate; and

print order transmitting means for transmitting the print order including designation of the selected shop to said print management apparatus via the Internet.

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